

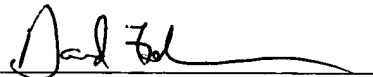
REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 33 and 46 are currently pending in the present application with claims 1-15, 18-32, 34-45 and 47-52 canceled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that it would advance the prosecution of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Director to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032016210. However, the Director is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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